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Dear Mr. Girese:

As your office is surely aware, recent reports have surfaced that detail extensive sexual abuse at The Horace Mann School during the years 1978-1994. I find these reports deeply troubling, and I am sure you share my concern.

I am writing to request that your office conduct an appropriate review of the matter and seek out any action that may be taken to address the handling of these horrible cases. Although the reported abuse occurred many years ago, the fact that it continued for nearly two decades suggests a pervasive culture that allows such criminal behavior to occur.

Furthermore, the school failed to provide appropriate support to victims, both those who were brave enough to come forward with their abuse and those who remained silent out of fear and intimidation. This neglect further victimized youth who had already suffered unimaginable mistreatment and exploitation.

The Horace Mann School abuses merit attention, and we must ensure that this conduct has not continued. I trust your office to provide guidance on the most appropriate course of action to take.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine C. Quinn".

Christine C. Quinn
Speaker